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ONE--FURTHER LD860 ON ISLAMABAD CIRCUIT, BRITISH GPO HAS NOW FORMALLY LINED UP CIRCUIT FROM READING TO KARACHI AND WILL ACCEPT TRANSMISSION FAULT NOTIFICATIONS EFFECTIVE 3 DECEMBER. THE CIRCUIT IS DESIGNATED ISLAMABAD-READING XP-1.

TWO--REGARDING SIGNALLING CAPACITY, GPO IS UNABLE TO GIVE US AN ANSWER AT THIS TIME AS TO THE SIGNALLING (RINGING) CAPACITY WE HAVE REQUESTED AND FOR THE MOMENT WILL NOT ACCEPT SIGNALLING FAULTS, NOR WILL THEY ACCEPT TRANSMISSION FAULTS BEYOND KARACHI.

THREE--FAULTS BETWEEN KARACHI AND ISLAMABAD WILL HAVE TO BE HANDLED BY [redacted] ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. STAT

FOUR--WHILE WE EXPECT TO HEAR FROM GPO REGARDING STATUS OF SIGNALLING CAPACITY, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY TECHNICAL INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE ON SUBJECT. BBC CAN LIVE WITH PRESENT SYSTEM BUT IT IS FAR FROM DESIRABLE. UNDERSTAND [redacted] WAS WORKING ON A MODEM STAT THAT WOULD SUPPLY IT AT THE ISLAMABAD END BUT WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY PAKISTANI PTT CAN'T SUPPLY RINGING TONES AT THIS END. GPO SO FAR CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT EITHER.

FIVE--WE WILL ADVISE MCCOY SEPARATELY ON ABOVE POINTS.

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